



*Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults
Los Angeles County Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services
Present:*

*The 52nd Annual
Older Americans Recognition Day
Awards Program*

*at
Dorothy Chandler Pavilion Music Center Grand Hall
Wednesday, May 31, 2017*

Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5

**OLDER
AMERICANS
MONTH**



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Proclamation (Resolution)

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“OLDER AMERICANS RECOGNITION MONTH”

May 2017

WHEREAS, for the past fifty-one years the month of May has been proclaimed Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, the national theme for this year’s program is “Age Out Loud”; and

WHEREAS, our older residents reinvest their resources in their communities through sharing their wisdom, talents and time with others; and

WHEREAS, these older volunteers work with our youth, assist with the homeless, support food pantries, visit shut-ins, advocate on behalf of nursing home patients, deliver and serve meals to the elderly, provide transportation to the frail and work in community hospitals; and

WHEREAS, through these activities and others, our older population continues to demonstrate the commitment to enhancing the quality of life for us all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that the month of May is declared Older Americans Month, and that Wednesday, May 31, 2017, is designated Older Americans Recognition Day and all residents are urged to participate in appropriate ceremonies honoring these men and women.

**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



May 31, 2017

Dear Distinguished Honorees:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults (LACCOA), we welcome you and your guests to our Older Americans Recognition Day luncheon. This luncheon is an important part of the LACCOA mission to recognize individuals who enhance the quality of life for older adults in our community.

We are privileged to honor you today as we celebrate the 2017 Older American Month with the theme, "Age Out Loud" giving aging a new voice. What it means to age has changed, and the Older Americans Recognition Day luncheon is a perfect opportunity to recognize and celebrate what getting older looks like today.

We thank all of you for your passion and dedicated service and applaud you for your many contributions.

Warmest Regards,

Linda Yamauchi

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President

Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults



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Dear Distinguished Honorees:

On behalf of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS), I would like to thank you and pay special tribute to all your contributions to our communities throughout Los Angeles County. It is truly a blessing to celebrate the 52nd Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Awards with you. The theme of this year's celebration is "Age Out Loud." It is to focus on how older adults are taking charge of their health, getting engaged in their communities, and making a positive impact in the lives of others.

The theme also reflects on the 52nd Anniversary of the Older Americans Act. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Older Americans Act into law in July 1965. Since that time, the Act has provided a nationwide aging services network and funding that helps older adults live with dignity in the communities of their choice for as long as possible. These services include home-delivered and congregate meals, caregiver support, community-based assistance, preventive health services, elder abuse prevention, and much more.

By promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and inclusivity, more Americans than ever before can "Age Out Loud." While Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services provides services and programs that 'Saves Lives' to older adults in Los Angeles County year-round, Older Americans Month offers an opportunity to emphasize how older adults can access the home- and community-based services they need to live independently in their communities. It is also an occasion to highlight how older adults are engaging with and making a difference in those communities.

On behalf of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services, I applaud and commend you.

With Admiration,

Cynthia D. Banks

Director
Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services

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The 52nd Annual

Older Americans Recognition Day Awards Program

Wednesday, May 31, 2017
11:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION

Commissioner Diana Love

WELCOME

President Linda Yamauchi, LACCOA

INVOCATION

Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Los Angeles County Fire Department Honor Guard

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Los Angeles County Fire Department Honor Guard

GREETINGS

OLDER AMERICANS RECOGNITION MONTH PROCLAMATION

Cynthia D. Banks, Director
Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

2nd Supervisorial District
1st Supervisorial District
3rd Supervisorial District
4th Supervisorial District
5th Supervisorial District

CLOSING REMARKS

Commissioner Diana Love

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FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

Honorable Hilda L. Solis
1st District Supervisor

James Blunt, Board Deputy
Taylor Dudley, Board Deputy



District 1 Commissioners

Ruth Gonzales	Helen Romero-Shaw
Robert Jimenez	Elvia Torres
Angelina Juaregui	Charles Treviño
Denise Menchaca	



Beverly Bulthuis – from the City of West Covina –Beverly Bulthuis has been a community volunteer leader with Friends of West Covina Library and West Covina Beautiful. Beverly organized and volunteered countless book sales and community events to raise funds for the library program to purchase of reading materials. She also organized West Covina City Birthday event at South Hills and Arbor Day. It is a pleasure to honor Beverly Bulthuis as a 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award recipient.



Alejandro Garcia Ceja – from the City of Bell Gardens – Recreation & Community Svc. Department – Alejandro Garcia Ceja has been an active and dedicated member of our community for the past five years. Alejandro is distinguished by his humor, leadership, and willingness to help others. He has been part of the Bell Gardens Club Latino for the past four years, where he takes pride in assisting with organizing events. Alejandro frequently volunteers to help set up and break down equipment and furniture for events, organize fundraisers for his club, and



helps at the monthly food bank. In addition, he donates food and raffle items to the senior center and the local church he attends. It is an honor to present the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award to such a giving individual that plays a vital role in the success of our community.



Mary Cranston – from the City of Bell – Mary Cranston has been a resident of Bell since 1941. She is an integral part of this community and an active member of the Senior 55+ Club. She is always willing to help staff in whatever capacity she can despite her young age of 92. Mrs. Cranston donates her time and money to cook home meals and bake for the seniors during special occasions and often brings snacks to share. She is a loyal and committed member of the club who shares her ideas and is not afraid to speak her mind. Her smile brings joy to those around her and the City of Bell is proud of Mary Cranston for her continued support of its programs and

services. We are pleased to recognize Mary Cranston with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Rita Garcia – from the City of Baldwin Park – Julia McNeill Senior Center – Rita Garcia has lived in Baldwin Park since 1973 and worked for the Baldwin Park Unified School District for 30 years as an English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher. Rita has a passion for helping others, and has indeed made a difference in the City and the surrounding cities by volunteering in various capacities since 1973. She has served as a Cub Scouts Den Mother, secured donations for San Gabriel Valley Mental Health, and the American Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), served as treasurer for Baldwin Park Am-Vets for 16 years and currently handles fundraising collecting perishable items donated to the United Service Organization (USO). In her spare time, Rita acts as the Award Chairman for the State Office Am-Vets Ladies Auxiliary. She is also an active member of the Baldwin Park Women’s Club. Ms. Garcia enjoys playing weekly bingo at the Julia McNeill Senior Center. The City of Baldwin Park is honored to recognize Rita Garcia with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Margaret Gardea – from the City of Montebello – Montebello Senior Center – Margaret Gardea served as VIP Club President in 2012, has been an active member for 11 years, and served as a volunteer for 10 years. Her contributions to the club are numerous. She spends many volunteer hours with elder citizens doing their nails and help making ladies feel beautiful, as well as taking citizens to run daily errands. Our long-time participant of Montebello Senior Center is always willing to go above and beyond for the VIP Club, the Happy Years Club, and the Gad-A-Bouts Club. Montebello Senior Center is honored to recognize Margaret Gardea with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Rose Guerrero – from the City of Irwindale – Rose Guerrero is a lifetime resident of Irwindale. She has given

back to the community in different ways. She has been a member of Guadeloupians, an organization of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Irwindale. She has been a member for over 50 years. Her services involve making tamales and tacos, purchasing ingredients, and donating money to the Church for the Annual Fiesta. Her volunteer service also entails giving back to the community. For the past 15 years, Rose has organized an annual bake sale for the Joseph “Pepe” Miranda Scholarship Foundation. She is a true asset to the community. It is a great pleasure to recognize Rose Guerrero with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Adam Hood – AltaMed Senior BuenaCare – El Monte PACE – Adam Hood is a leader in voicing and addressing the needs and concerns of his peer participants. He acted as the President of the Participant Advisory Council (PAC) from 2016 to 2017. During his tenure, Adam has been deeply committed to and involved in working to improve the services together with the leadership team. It is with great pleasure to present Adam Hood with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award for his outstanding contribution and tireless efforts.



Rosemarie Linares – from the City of Baldwin Park – Baldwin Park Unified Adult & Community Education – Rosemarie Linares has been a resident of Baldwin Park for over 49 years. After her retirement, her dedication was to get involved in her community and volunteer. She is enrolled in one of our general arts classes. One of her projects over the last several years is to crochet hats for chemo patients at the City of Hope and Kaiser. She has coordinated several ladies who participate in this project and they deliver handmade caps twice a year to the hospitals. She volunteers at our annual health fair, holiday food basket program, holiday events, and social activities at the senior center. Rosemarie always has a smile and makes everyone she encounters feel welcome and special. She is a dedicated person and is living her retirement years helping others with tireless dedication and leadership. Rosemarie is truly deserving to be one of this year’s honorees. It is a great honor to award

Rosemarie Linares as a 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Honoree.



Miguel Lopez – from Eastmont Community Center – Miguel Lopez has been a volunteer at our center for over 10 years. His honest commitment to serving our community and his great sense of humor is why we are nominating him for the 2017 OARD Award. He is one of the most dependable, conscientious, and peace-loving people we have ever met. It is an honor to present Miguel Lopez with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Rudy Lopez – from the City of South El Monte – South El Monte Senior Center – Rudy Lopez is well respected by his peers and staff as he is always cheerful and very welcoming to everyone. Lopez volunteers his service throughout all city programs. He has been a City Commissioner for 11 years, a Patriotic Commissioner for 2 years, President of the 3L Senior Club for 12 years, and a certified CERT member for over 8 years. He also manages a senior coed softball team, the “Senior All-Stars.” Lopez participates in all city bike rides, senior luncheons, and all major city events. We are proud of his service and grateful for all the time he puts into everything he does. It is an honor to recognize him with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award for the City of South El Monte.



Rose Lozano – from the City of Montebello – Potrero Heights Park Community & Senior Center – Rose Lozano is a caring and dedicated volunteer who is very involved in several programs and activities at Potrero. Rose became involved at Potrero when it opened in 2013. Rose is a lead volunteer and chaperone for the Metro Seniors on the “Move Rider’s Club,” which is one of our most popular programs at the center that encourages seniors to take public transportation. As a lead volunteer, she acts as an escort for the group, attends meetings, and assists in writing reports for the program. She participated in the LA County Emergency training program at Potrero. She is on the volunteer committee for

the Annual American Cancer Relay for Life at the center. Rose is always eager to make the center a better place by always thinking of what she can offer by inviting special guests or programs that benefit the center patrons. It’s admirable to see the passion she has when she volunteers for various functions. She is friendly, respectful, and always has a great story to share. It is a pleasure to have such a loving and committed volunteer at Potrero. We are proud to present Rose Lozano with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Alice H. Nanez – from the City of Pico Rivera – Alice Nanez has been a devoted community leader for 29 years. She is actively involved with the Pico Rivera Shade Lane Senior Club and has served as President for seven terms, Vice-President for two terms, and Recording Secretary for one term. She is currently the Vice-President and assists in organizing luncheons, meetings, and special events. Alice is also the Trips and Tours Coordinator and has held this position for 18 years. She organizes day trips and overnight excursions to other states and countries. The Trips and Tours program is a huge success because of her passion to create lifelong learning opportunities and for all seniors in the community to meet new friends, increase self-confidence, and experience new adventures throughout the world. In addition, she has been a member of the Pico Rivera Senior Center Coordinating Council for more than 15 years. The City of Pico Rivera is proud to honor Alice Nanez with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Thu Nguyen – from the City of Rosemead – Thu Nguyen demonstrates commendable commitment to the City of Rosemead Senior Program, making her a perfect candidate for this very prestigious award. Thu volunteers at the Garvey Community Recreation Center assisting with the senior lunch program, serving coffee, handling the collection of monies, and assisting in the kitchen. Despite the many activities in which Thu is involved, she still finds time to volunteer and participate in senior events. She steps in to help with serving the

disabled, setting up and decorating for special events, and selling raffle tickets. Thu enjoys Line Dancing and performing with a local Rosemead Chinese Yuan-Chi group. Her dedication to this community is a tremendous asset to the success of the Rosemead Senior Programs. Her hard work and dedication truly makes Thu Nguyen a perfect honoree for the distinguished 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Julio Reyes – San Gabriel Valley Service Center – Julio Reyes first arrived at the San Gabriel Valley Service Center as a senior employee trainee. He quickly became a valuable individual at the center because of his enthusiasm to help and learn. He finished the program and found that he had a lot of spare time at home. After realizing that his help was very much needed at the center he then decided to volunteer twice a week. Staff was much honored and happy to have him help during the busiest days at the center. Reyes is a great example of a volunteer who takes pride in always being courteous and responsive to the public. The San Gabriel Valley Service Center takes pride in having such a wonderful volunteer and therefore, we recognize Julio Reyes with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Norma P. Reyes – from East Los Angeles Service Center – Norma Reyes has been attending the East Los Angeles Service Center for over two years. When she retired after working over 30 years in the housekeeping industry, she needed something to do. This past year, Norma took a very active role in the center and started volunteering her time. Norma took the lead and started a knitting club at the center. That club knitted over 120 scarves and beanies for the seniors that reside at the Rio Hondo Convalescent Home. Without Norma taking the initiative, this would not have been possible. In addition, Norma participates in various senior activities at the center both educational and recreational. It is an honor to recognize Norma P. Reyes as an honoree for the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Karen M. Rosenthal – from the City of Claremont – Blaisdell Community Center – Karen Rosenthal has

contributed to the community for over 25 years through her involvement with various commissions, City Council, and as Mayor from 1999-2001. In a community rich in influential women, Karen has always served as a pillar of civic engagement within the City of Claremont. She continues to give back through chairing the City's Independence Day Committee and Committee on Aging. Additionally, she serves on Tri-City Mental Health Services, the League of Women Voters, and countless other community groups. Overall, Karen is highly respected for her depth of knowledge, willingness to lend a hand where needed, and community spirit. The City of Claremont Senior Program would like to honor Karen Rosenthal for the prestigious 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Sharon Rowe – from the City of Commerce – Sharon Rowe fell in love with the City of Commerce the first time she visited and made it her goal to retire to the "Model City." In 2010, Sharon moved to Commerce and her volunteerism began. She became a certified Community Services Volunteer better known as a "COM CAT." Sharon has worked on various assignments as a volunteer. She has participated in the Neighborhood Watch program, food banks, rabies clinic, children's fingerprinting clinic, National Night Out, holiday cheer programs, and Halloween patrol. Sharon has also taken on the role of "Mrs. Claus" during the holiday programs in the city. Sharon serves as the President of the Auld Lang Syne Senior Club, Vice President of the Democratic Club, Sunshine Chairperson for the Senior Citizen Club of Commerce, and is an active volunteer at the Rosewood Library Veterans Resource Center. We are honored to have such a wonderful volunteer in the City of Commerce, and therefore, we recognize her with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Pedro "Pete" Rueda – from the City of Los Angeles – El Sereno Senior Center – Pedro Rueda was born and raised in Los Angeles and was a WWII Navy Veteran. He is a retired professional truck driver. He is 93 years old and is very active with his senior club activities. Pedro is a

strong supporter of senior programs and special events at the senior center, and he is very active with community events and senior center activities. He is still going strong. El Sereno Senior Center is proud to present Pedro Rueda with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Mervat Semry – from Centro Maravilla Service Center – Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) – Mervat Semry has volunteered for more than four years at the Centro Maravilla Service Center and is very active within the East Los Angeles community. Her support at the center includes outreaching, setting up programs, and decorating for events. She is very artistic and does an excellent job creating a festive atmosphere for everyone. Mervat is also our volunteer leader for our senior “Metro on the Go” program and coordinates educational and recreational trips. In addition, within the community, she is committed to maintaining the community garden at one of the local parks. Mervat is a dedicated, hardworking and compassionate person and takes pride in all she does within the East Los Angeles community. It is an honor to present Mervat Semry with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



James Sinnema – from the City of Azusa – James Sinnema has been volunteering at the Azusa Senior Center for over three years and is a wonderful asset to our staff and community. Jim is a volunteer driver in our Home Delivered Meal program where he delivers meals for two of the four routes and is always willing to deliver more if needed. Jim loves delivering the meals and talking to our seniors. He watches out for any problems that our seniors might have. Jim also volunteers at the Shepard’s Pantry in Glendora, California, where he passes out food to people in need. Jim is retired from Delta Airlines where he worked for 47 years. Thank you, Jim, for all that you do. We are very proud to honor James Sinnema with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Jeff Seymour – from the City of El Monte – Jeff Seymour is a role model and advocate for the community of El Monte. He is a retired teacher and Administrator of the El Monte City School District, retiring as its Superintendent after 42 years of service. He serves as the President of the El Monte and South El Monte Meals on Wheels and as a Board Member of the El Monte Historical Society and the El Monte Promise Foundation. We thank Jeff for his many contributions to El Monte, his relentless pursuit of equity for his students, and for giving us all the power of possibility. It is a great honor to present Jeff Seymour with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Sumiko Takahashi – from Little Tokyo Service Center – Sumiko Takahashi has been an essential factor in connecting the Little Tokyo Service Centers newly opened South Bay office with the Japanese and Japanese-American Community. She has tremendous administrative skills and assists clients in both English and Japanese. Sumiko has been involved in senior related workshops, conducted voter registration, and assisted with surveys to assess the needs of the community. Without her bilingual language skills in English and Japanese, many Japanese seniors would not be able to register to vote or receive the help they need. She is an active member of the Sakura Chorus Group who brightens the seniors’ days by performing traditional Japanese songs at senior homes. We are proud to recognize Sumiko Takahashi as a 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award Honoree.



Eric T. Ong Veloso – from the City of Los Angeles – Angelus Plaza Senior Activity Center - Bishop Eric Veloso displays a genuine sensitivity, concern’ and respect for those he serves at the Angelus Plaza Senior Activity Center. Eric sets-up tables and chairs at special events before providing coffee and snacks. He cleans the kitchen, hallways, auditorium, and activity room as needed. Eric

empties the trash, sweeps the floors, and mops after the events. Bishop Eric has diligently logged over 2250 volunteer hours at Angelus Plaza during three years of devoted service. An ordained minister since 1981, Bishop Eric also enhances the greater community through the Catholic Church. His countless contributions have truly made a difference. It is with great pleasure that we honor Eric T. Ong Veloso as a 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award Honoree.



Rosa Yee – from the City of Monterey Park – Langley Senior Center – Rosa Yee has voluntarily contributed her services and time to our center for over ten years in various roles and programs. In addition to assisting with our daily congregate lunch program, she shares her passion for dancing by instructing and leading line dancing and her very own Memory Makers Fitness Class. Her dedication to the community has also been recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award and the President’s Call to Service Award by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for individuals who have provided more than 4,000 hours of community service. Her volunteerism and dedication to serving others has positively impacted many of our senior members and is greatly valued. Langley Senior Center is honored to recognize Rose Yee for the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.

SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas

Chair
2nd District Supervisor



Emily Williams, Board Deputy

District 2 Commissioners

Estelle Beaver-Thomas	Charles Mitchell
Marva C. Bell	Elizabeth Payne
Alice Craft	Arvis Spriggs
Lavada Theus	Richard Wolfe
Lonnie McNamee	



Michael Benbow – from the City of Inglewood – Michael Benbow is a Chairman of the Parking and Traffic Commission. He managed the campaign of former President Barack Obama in South Los Angeles in 2008. He was awarded the Rookie of the Year Award, One Legacy by the Donate Life Organization, and the Outstanding Service Award in 2006. He has been the Ambassador Organ Donor for seven years, a member of the Inglewood Citizens for Better Health for three years, a member of the City Treasury Investment Committee for eight years, and the Athletic Director at First AME Church for five years. In the City of Inglewood, Michael is a Commissioner and Member of Public Safety, Charter Study, and Human Affairs. He has held the position of the Parking and Traffic Chairman for 11 years. It is a great honor to recognize Michael Benbow as a 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Awardee.



Margaret Dean Comer - from the City of Compton – East Rancho Dominguez Community Center & Park– Margaret Dean Comer became a member and volunteer of the East Rancho Dominguez Community Center in 1988. She continues to volunteer for over 27 years in the community and center. She humbly assists in various special events, such as feeding children, families, homeless individuals, and disabled seniors. Margaret served as an honorary member of Compton Unified School District Parent Teacher Association (PTA), the National Coalition of Parents, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Los Angeles Library Commission, and the Compton Cultural Committee. She is a supporter of Champions of Caring Connections. Margaret serves as a member of Compton Greek Mosquito Abatement. She is also a member of the East Rancho Dominguez Neighborhood Association. Margaret is a true “Legend.” We are proud to recognize Margaret Dean Comer with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Gwendolyn Carol Fowler – from the City of Compton – East Rancho Dominguez Community Center & Park –

Gwendolyn Fowler became a member and volunteer for the East Rancho Dominguez Community Center in 2011. Gwendolyn volunteers as an art instructor building self-esteem and creativity for seniors. She decorates our community center to bring cultural awareness and coordinates monthly birthday celebrations, fun trips, and games for our seniors. Gwendolyn assists with the East Rancho Dominguez Food Programs to feed needy families. She is an asset to the East Rancho Dominguez Community Center and Park. Thank you for your service. We Love You! We appreciate Gwendolyn Fowler dearly and proudly honor her as a 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award Honoree.



Josephina Gregorio – from the City of Lynwood – Lynwood Senior Center –

Josephina Gregorio began her years of volunteerism with the City of Lynwood approximately five years ago. She began volunteering at St. Francis Medical Center. Josephina started coming to the Lynwood Senior Center and continues her volunteer work at the center to this day! At the St. Francis Medical Center, her passion and focus is outreach to pregnant teenagers and adults. Her latest adventure has been to take classes on diabetes, so she can spread her knowledge throughout the City of Lynwood and the surrounding communities. At the Lynwood Center, Josephina has many skills and talents, such as office clerk, art appreciation, and dancing. She is always ready to participate in helping to coordinate most of our special events. Josephina always mentions how much she enjoys sharing her time and talents with everyone and enjoys making a difference in the lives of others. Josephina Gregorio is truly deserving of the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Deborah Ingram – from the City of Los Angeles – Willowbrook Senior Center –

Deborah Ingram has been volunteering at the Willowbrook Senior Center providing Quilting Instruction for over 20 years. Her volunteer service allows her to do a craft that she enjoys, and she shares this talent with other seniors. Deborah is fully committed and is at the Willowbrook Senior Center every Wednesday morning for her Quilting Class to provide instructions to all attendees. Quilting is the vehicle that brings these participants together and their love for one another is what binds them. The Quilters do a show at the center every other year and participate in outside craft shows. Most recently their quilts were featured in a book about the Willowbrook Community published by the County Arts Commission. Willowbrook Senior Center is delighted to have an outstanding volunteer and is proud to honor Deborah Ingram as our honoree for the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Letha J. Kemper – from the City of Culver City – Culver City Senior Center –

Letha J. Kemper has been a super active volunteer at the Culver City Senior Center since 2003. She helps with the Volunteer Work Projects, Membership Registration, Flu Clinics, patio parties, and serves in the nutrition program. In addition to this litany of volunteer activities, she recently joined the volunteer team, S.A.V.E.S., the St. Augustine Catholic Church program that provides aid to the hungry, needy, elderly, and homeless in our community. Letha's dedication and tireless service to her community "shouts out loud" as an outstanding example of the true spirit of volunteerism, and she plans on many more years of "Aging Out Loud." Letha Kemper is honored for the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award for her many years of dedicated service to her community.



Libor Kubes – from the City of Lawndale – Lawndale Senior Center – Libor Kubes has been a volunteer for the City of Lawndale for over 15 years. Libor volunteers with the senior nutrition program setting up tables, chairs, and cleaning. He has also added his volunteer talents to the City of Lawndale commodities program. He helps participants find places to sit and assists with any questions they may have. His friendly demeanor and enthusiastic attitude makes him a pleasure to work with. Libor is always kind to other seniors, helps translate when needed, and volunteers every week without fail. Overall Libor is an outstanding example of an active senior that enjoys volunteering and helping his community. It is a great pleasure to honor Libor Kubes as a 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award Honoree.



Darlene Love – from the City of Hawthorne – Darlene Love has unselfishly given her time, talent, and resources to help to serve hundreds of individuals, organizations, and projects that have benefitted both the young and old in Hawthorne. She has been a recipient of the following awards: State Senator Distinguished Women Awards; State Senate Extraordinary Citizen of the 35th District; Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year; the Hawthorne Presidents Council Volunteer of the Year; the Hawthorne Women Club Volunteer of the Year; the City of Hawthorne Volunteer of the Year; the Holly Park Homeowner Association Honoree; Certificates of Appreciation from the National Campaign for Tolerance, El Camino College, Hawthorne School District, the Center for the Improvement of Child Caring, Black Family Ministries Project, and the City of Hawthorne Police Department. She is currently a City of Hawthorne Seniors Commissioner. The City of Hawthorne is proud to honor Darlene Love with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Juanita Miller – from People Coordinated Services – Juanita Miller has served as the Dining Coordinator for more than 15 years. She serves lunch with a smile and a positive attitude. The kitchen is known as “Juanita’s Kitchen.” She likes her kitchen clean, and she tolerates no mess. Juanita’s cheerful, upbeat presence attracts others to want to be around her. As a result, she has many volunteers, and we often have to reassign them. Juanita will make sure everyone has a plate, including the homeless. She has on many occasions fed the homeless, and if there is no more of the lunch menu left, she will find something to feed them. Everyone loves Mrs. Juanita’s kitchen. We are proud to honor Juanita Miller with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Pauline L. Miller – from the City of Hawthorne – Hawthorne Senior Center – Pauline Miller volunteers to go on our senior trips making herself available to meet the needs of our seniors. She volunteers to cook for our senior dances and our Mother’s Day and Father’s Day celebrations. Pauline volunteers daily at her grandchildren’s elementary school and still finds the time to work with us to prepare meals from scratch for each of our senior occasions. We appreciate the love that she puts into those occasions, and we all have much gratitude for her help and for preparing such deliciously seasoned food. We are happy to honor Pauline L. Miller for the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award because of her dedication and much appreciated volunteer efforts at the Hawthorne Senior.



David C. Payne – from the City of Inglewood – Inglewood Senior Center – David C. Payne from the City of Inglewood totally exemplifies the 2017 theme, “Age Out Loud.” David volunteers for the Inglewood Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). He often donates his of “one of a kind” jewelry to the women of the American Legion Auxiliary as they go to various hospitals and rehabilitation facilities and distributes them to returning

injured women Veterans. David has taught a jewelry making class on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the Inglewood Senior Center for over eight years. David brightens up the center every morning with just his presence. Most days he is passing out breakfast snacks that he has bought himself. On Thursday, his volunteering involves him calling numbers for our bread and pastry giveaway. Talk about “aging out loud!” It is with a great deal of pride that the City of Inglewood presents David Payne as our 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Awardee.



Wilma Jean Smith – from Senior Club of Los Angeles –

Wilma Jean Smith is a member of the Mount Carmel Senior Citizens Club. She is a retired Licensed Vocational Nurse from USC Medical Center. She will be 80 years old in June. Mrs. Smith is a member of New-Way Missionary Baptist Church and served as a part-time volunteer at Raymond Elementary School for 19 years. Mrs. Smith also served as a volunteer for the Red Cross for five years in Inglewood. As a Chaplain for the Mount Carmel Senior Club, she leads the club in prayer and offers encouraging words to those in need of services. Mrs. Smith is truly loved and respected by her members at the Mount Carmel Senior Club. Therefore, the Mount Carmel Senior Club nominates Mrs. Wilma Smith as the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Cecilia Williams – from SRO Housing Corporation –

Cecilia Williams has been volunteering as the lead member of the Food Bank distribution at the Gateways Apartments for over a year. Cecilia continues to demonstrate her discipline, dedication, and most importantly, the desire to fight hunger and create a positive change within our community. Because of these efforts, Cecilia has earned the admiration and appreciation of those whom she serves, neighborhood residents, and peers at SRO Housing. It is a great pleasure to present Cecilia Williams with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award for her outstanding leadership and determined efforts in volunteering as a

Tag member for SRO Housing Corporation and in our community.



Lee Williams – from WLCAC – Theresa Lindsay Senior

Center – Lee Williams has been a member of Theresa Lindsay MPC for more than ten years. He and his wife Mary are the first to volunteer. Recently, Lee and his wife obtained over 200 gifts for low-income seniors for our 2016 Christmas Party. Additionally, they are a great influence as leaders of our Senior Advisory Council and instrumental in supporting our recent efforts to reinstate the Senior Center by partnering with our contest sponsored by Thomas Saman and Associate (TSA). We won the TSA 2016 Annual “By Lowo” and were awarded over \$130,000, which was used for new air conditioning and other beautification efforts at our Senior Center. It is an honor to present Lee Williams with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Patricia A. Worthy – from the City of Gardena –

Patricia Worthy has been volunteering three days a week in our Home Delivered Meals Program for over seven years. She is one of our few volunteers who knows all of our routes. She is a member of our Senior Top Notch Volunteer Club, volunteers at our Annual Senior’s Health Fair, Heritage Festival, and the Jazz, Food, Wine and Cigar Festivals. Pat does not stop there. She is on the Board of Directors of the Gardena Kiwanis Club and proudly serves on the scholarship, golf, and community services committees. She is Regional Director of the International Training in Communications club. We are proud to have Pat as our 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day volunteer recipient of the year.

THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

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Jean Boulet – from ONEgeneration Senior Enrichment Center – Jean is one of our most diverse volunteers and makes volunteering at the Senior Center look easy. She volunteers in the main office where 200-300 seniors per day check in with her. She volunteers in multiple areas, such as on our Thrift Corner, Snack Shop, Bingo classes, and Travel Office. Jean's caring and giving personality inspires us all, and we thank her for volunteering at ONEgeneration. We are proud to have Jean Boulet as our 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award Honoree.



Jennie Braun – from the City of Santa Monica – Commission for the Senior Community - Jennie Braun worked for the American Red Cross in Los Angeles for 20 years. Her volunteer work includes the Santa Monica Red Cross, the Santa Monica Commission for the Senior Community, and she is a deacon for a local church. Jennie has served as a commissioner since 2009. Her common sense, good humor, and advocacy on behalf of the older adults have made her a valuable member of the commission. In her free time, she enjoys walking,



reading, playing bridge, and spending time with friends and family. It is an honor to present Jennie Braun with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Hermie Cruz – Las Palmas Senior Center – Hermie Cruz has been volunteering at Las Palmas Senior Center for two years and has been invaluable to our programs. She is our receptionist, a member of our federation club, and holds a secretary position, which she takes very seriously. She freely involves herself with most aspects of the center and works selflessly to gain a smooth operation of all activities. Furthermore, she often volunteers for the Department of Aging. She is the true definition of volunteerism. Despite life's tribulations, she rises to the occasion always. It is with pride that we recognize Hermie Cruz as an honoree for the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Eleanor De Carteret – from the City of Hidden Hills – Eleanor De Carteret was an integral participant in the funding of the local water district. Mrs. De Carteret

continues her community service to this day as an annual volunteer for the City's "Fiesta" and for each election where she serves as a poll inspector. The City of Hidden Hills is honored to recognize Eleanor De Carteret for her legacy role in the development of Hidden Hills. We are proud to present Eleanor De Carteret as a 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award Honoree.



Frank Galassi – from the City of West Hollywood –

Dr. Frank Galassi, West Hollywood resident, is known affectionately as "Dr. Frank." He is a strong advocate for seniors and has been a member of Senior Services at the Los Angeles LGBT Center for more than 15 years. After volunteering for four years at the LGBT Center, he developed his "Brain Power" class to help seniors with memory challenges, and this popular class is now in its fifth year. Dr. Frank is also very active in local senior programs and has helped many seniors access services and connect with programs in West Hollywood. We are happy to recognize Frank Galassi as a 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award Honoree.



Francis Glenn – from the City of Los Angeles – Los Angeles LGBT Center –

Francis Glenn has volunteered at the Los Angeles LGBT Center for over three years. Francis is a low-income LGBT senior facing many challenges. While she utilizes the programs at the Center, she is also one of our most dedicated volunteers. Francis serves lunch three times a week to over 100 seniors, sometimes handling set-up and distribution of food. She is reliable, upbeat, caring, and hard working. Despite her own challenges with aging, Francis is a shining star in our community. We are happy to honor Francis Glenn with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Vivian Johnson – from Canoga Park Senior Citizens' Center – Vivian Johnson is an enormous help and volunteers in any capacity with a smile. She was appointed as Membership Chairperson of the Canoga

Park Senior Center Club. Vivian brings a zest for living her life and her motto is "live life to the fullest." Many days you will find Vivian at the Senior Club desk, listening to music, singing, and dancing here and there, as she helps seniors with donated goods, senior clubs, senior trips, and just having a plain good time at the facility. We are blessed to have her. Vivian Johnson exemplifies the 2017 theme of "Aging Out Loud." We are honored to present Vivian Johnson as a 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award Honoree.



Mark S. Kaiserman – from the City of Santa Monica – WISE & Healthy Aging –

Mark Kaiserman has a knack for making people feel welcome. As a volunteer in our Adult Day Service Center for more than five years, he sets a tone of respect and hospitality that our members relish. Mark takes the time to get to know our members, their challenges, and their favorite things. They can always count on his individualized attention, such as tossing a ball with one member, or trading jokes with another. Whether Mark is leading current events groups, helping serve lunch, or chatting with members, he displays a warmth and genuineness that lightens the mood and brightens the day. We are very proud to recognize Mark S. Kaiserman with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Elia & Carl Lindgron – from the City of Sherman Oaks – Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center –

Elia and Carl Lindgron, this dynamic duo, have contributed so much to the center through their many years of service. Both are retired teachers, so working with people and giving to others comes naturally to them. Elia worked with the handy worker program and lead our Encuentro Latino Group. She currently teaches our Spanish classes. Carl was a shopping program volunteer. He currently plays his harp during our lunch program twice every month. His music makes our lunch time very special. Both Elia and Carl perform South American Folkloric music in many community events. Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center takes great pleasure in honoring Elia and Carl Lindgron with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Awards.



Dorothy Lino – from Alicia Broadous-Duncan Multipurpose Senior Center – Dorothy Lino volunteers at the Alicia Broadous-Duncan Multipurpose Senior Center, where she has been expertly preparing lunch plates with a pleasant attitude, five days per week. If she has ever called in sick, no one can remember it. For years Dorothy called Bingo twice per week. Last year she added the responsibility of volunteer assistant to the exercise instructor. Her laughter fills the room as she encourages others. It is an honor to recognize Dorothy Lino with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Lee Marquardt – from the City of Los Angeles – Triangle Square – Lee Marquardt has been a resident of Triangle Square for over two years. Since she has been here, she has immersed herself in the activities and in helping other residents. Whenever someone is sick, Lee is one of the people who takes care of them. Many of the seniors do not have family, so Lee becomes a caregiver and a family member. Lee also works in our offices as a volunteer. She delivers newsletters and mail, helps with packing and shipping, and works with the activities department to prepare for big events. She is extremely modest and will probably downplay the many things she does to make Triangle Square a better place. We are proud to honor Lee Marquardt as the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award recipient.



Gloria and Lou Milkowski – from the City of Beverly Hills – Gloria and Lou Milkowski are long-time residents of Beverly Hills. Gloria has resided in Beverly Hills for the past 46 years, and Lou for the past 20 years. Gloria and Lou exemplify the shift in the description and trend of the Active Older Adult. Both are currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Beverly Hills Active Adult Club. Their youthfulness and vitality have ignited a spark in the Active Adult Club, suggesting more effective ways to conduct club business, engaging in lively conversation at the meetings, and providing new program ideas. They

created and produced the Beverly Hills Theater which served for many years as the only community theater in Beverly Hills. Both served on the Board of Directors on the Friends of Greystone organization. Gloria, Lou, and their beloved dog, Latkee, are well known in the community, and we appreciate their positive attitude and willingness to serve the City they loved so much. The City of Beverly Hills is delighted for the first time to honor a couple, Gloria Jennings Milkowski and Lou Milkowski for the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Awards.



Carol S. Moss – from the City of Malibu – Carol Moss purchased her house in Malibu in 1964 and has been an active volunteer in the community ever since. She helped establish the Community Assistance Resource Team, which coordinates resources for the homeless population in Malibu. She was a founding Board Member of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. She was honored with a Dolphin Award in 2015 for all her contributions to the community. At its regular meeting on March 13, 2017, the Malibu City Council unanimously nominated Carol Moss as its recipient of the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults 52nd Annual 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Bernard and Sybil Nisenholz – from the City of Westlake Village – Bernard and Sybil Nisenholz are two long-term residents who have been involved in the community in numerous ways over the years. Sybil served as President, Treasurer, and Architectural Chair for the Oak Forest Homeowners Association while residing there. Bernie is a professor emeritus at California State University Northridge and is still involved in the academic community. Together, they served on the City's Cultural Recreation Advisory Board from 2011 to 2015. In addition, they both have been members of the Friends of the Westlake Village Library with Sybil serving as its President and on the scholarship committee for several years. They participate in most City events and are always quick to help with smiles and hugs. Westlake Village is proud to honor Bernard and Sybil Nisenholz with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.

FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

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Sue Allard – from the City of Manhattan Beach – Manhattan Beach Older Adults Program – Sue Allard, a retired teacher from Manhattan Beach Unified School District, has been an extremely active volunteer with the Manhattan Beach Older Adult Program since its inception ten years ago. She attends most program activities, promoting participation by others. She sets up tables for our twice weekly lunch program, maintains sign-in lists, collects the money, and clears the tables. She is the first to assist with any activities, such as making decorations for the holiday party, crocheting blankets for newborns, coordinating weekly shuffleboard games, and participating in all intergenerational programs. Sue is also a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the liaison to the Senior Advisory Committee. It is a great pleasure to recognize Sue Allard as the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Honoree.



Diane L. Brannies – from the City of Hawaiian Gardens – The Mary Rodriguez Senior Center – Diane Brannies provided continued and growing commitment to her community. Diane sees a need, and she will be there to fill the gap. Over the years when her children were young, she was a Den Mother for Cub Scouts. She spent countless hours volunteering at the snack bar for little league and as the room mother for her children's classroom. As the years went by Diane was fortunate enough to retire and instead of relaxing at home, Diane now had more time to volunteer. She became involved in her Senior Center, helped her neighbor, and became an active member of her church Faith Responders, a group that is prepared and ready to mobilize within the community to respond to a disaster. Her faith and commitment to her community is priceless, and it is an honor to present her with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Betty R. Buffington – from the City of Long Beach – El Dorado West Senior Center – Betty Buffington played a significant role in the literacy outreach initiatives. Promoting literacy has been the joy of Betty Buffington’s life. She contributed to the community in a variety of ways, such as participating on the El Dorado Senior Advisory Committee, the Senior Police Partners, and conducting Homeless Surveys with the Multi-Service Center. Since 2006, Betty has coordinated and led a monthly 50+ Book Club here at the El Dorado Senior Center averaging around 35 members. Furthermore, her project, “Sending a Book on a Journey” has established four libraries and provides community donated books to the homeless and mentally ill in Long Beach. We proudly honor Betty Buffington with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Award.



Mickey Christiason – from the City of Cerritos – Cerritos Senior Center – Mickey Christiason has been a City of Cerritos Community Safety Services volunteer since June 2003 and has volunteered over 3,500 hours. As a volunteer on patrol, he patrols the neighborhoods and business districts, assists with station tours and special events, works with station personnel on numerous projects, attends memorial events for Los Angeles Sheriff Department personnel and volunteers, and assists with the delivery of toys to Camp Pendleton during the Holiday Toys for Tots campaign. Mickey has received numerous commendations and certificates of appreciation for his contributions to the volunteer program. Though Mickey has had some health issues in the past few years, including 2 kidney transplants and the need for dialysis on a regular basis, it has only slightly diminished his volunteer contributions. He is the epitome of selfless volunteer with a big and generous heart. It is a great pleasure to recognize Mickey Christiason as a 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Awardee.



Ghislaine Davis – from the City of Torrance – Ghislaine Davis is the Executive Director and Founder of South Bay Village program, a program to keep seniors in their homes with the help of volunteers and community members. She volunteered at the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) starting in April 2003. Ghislaine constantly looked for opportunities to help seniors on a more personal level. She has volunteered countless hours, evenings, weekends, and holidays to make sure that seniors have access to a wide range of community resources. Her goal is to make sure the seniors can get to their appointments and extra-curricular activities, but most importantly, that they can stay at home with their loved ones. It is an honor to recognize Ghislaine Davis with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Juanita Davis – from Peninsula Seniors – Juanita Davis has been the Secretary and active Board Member for more than seven years. Her contribution to our organization has been immeasurable. Juanita volunteers her time as a front desk volunteer every Tuesday morning. She makes sure that our entire office runs smoothly. She has been part of our Fashion Show team as both Chairperson and Solicitor for raffle prizes. In addition, she made and collected goods for gift baskets for our annual events, such as volunteer and anniversary parties. She maintains a top donor membership level and has donated generously to our Capital Campaign to buy a new building to ensure that future generations have a Community Center to enjoy. Juanita certainly is an “Age Out Loud” senior who melodiously sings Peninsula Seniors’ praises with both time and money. We are proud to present Juanita Davis with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Anita M. Dinicola – from the City of Torrance – Torrance Commission on Aging – Anita Dinicola is a retired Torrance Unified School District educator, where she currently volunteers in the classrooms. She has organized and collected food for Thanksgiving baskets for the past six years, and with the assistance of the Torrance Police Departments Cadets, the baskets are delivered to needy Torrance area families. Currently, Anita holds the office of President of the Torrance Woman’s Club, a non-profit organization that serves the community to support civic betterment. She has been an active member since 2001. Anita also volunteers in her church, First Lutheran, where she is a member of the Basket Social that makes baskets for First Serve community causes. As a member of the Hook and Needles group, they make hats and blankets for the homeless and those working on oil rigs during the cold weather. We are proud to present Anita Dinicola with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Gussie Edmondson – City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks – Gussie Edmondson has been a volunteer at the Ahmanson Senior Center for over ten years. She is liked by so many of our members and is a great asset to our community. She teaches other members jewelry making, crafts, and sewing. Gussie was recently instrumental in finding additional parking for our seniors when one of our lots was being taken over the State. She spoke at the Exposition Park Board Meeting representing the seniors at Ahmanson Senior Center. During all of our large socials, Gussie is always available to assist in any aspect needed. We are very fortunate to have her as community member and volunteer at the Ahmanson Senior Center. It is a pleasure to recognize Gussie Edmondson as a 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award Honoree.



Bonnie Fox – from the City of Santa Fe Springs – Bonnie Fox is a longtime resident and volunteer of Santa Fe Springs. She has been actively involved with civic service for many years and has made Santa Fe Springs “Gus Kitchen” her primary focus for the last five years. Ms. Fox has been instrumental with the management and organization of food and clothing donations especially during the holiday season when donations are constantly being delivered for our annual “Thankful Neighborhood” and “Neighborly Elf” programs. In addition, Ms. Fox helps distribute food baskets and toys to over 350 families during the holidays. Ms. Fox serves on two service committees, assists with election polls, and is involved with the American Diabetes Association. The city recognizes her passion and commitment to service and is honored to recognize Bonnie Fox as a 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Honoree.



Judy K. Gear – from the City of Avalon – On behalf of the City of Avalon, we would like to nominate Judy Gear as an honoree for the 52nd Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Awards Program. Though she has not been on the island long, approximately six years, Judy has quickly become entrenched in the culture and fabric of the community in many ways. As a retired educator and high school English teacher, she continues to work as a substitute teacher and assists the local school English department with grading papers. When not doing that, Judy can be found working in the community as the President of Friends of the Library; the Vice-President of Catalina Kid Ventures, a non-profit childcare program; the Secretary of the Catalina Island Women’s Golf Club; on the Board of Directors for the Catalina Island Medical Center; and volunteering with Catalina Island Art Associates, the Film Festival, the Arts Festival, and the Jazz Trax Festival. Judy Gear is a bright shiny star in our island paradise and as our 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Honoree.



Frank E. Hill – from the City of Rolling Hills – Frank Hill has been an involved resident of the City of Rolling Hills since 1994. In March 2015, he retired after serving on the Rolling Hills City Council for over 21 consecutive years. During his time on the City Council, Mr. Hill served as Chairman of the Traffic Commission. He was actively involved in disaster preparedness efforts and served as one of the representatives to the Palos Verdes Peninsula Regional Law Enforcement Committee. Mr. Hill served the Rolling Hills Community Association as a volunteer at many of their community events and could often be found “flipping pancakes” at the Caballeros del Rancho Palos Verdes Annual Pancake Breakfast. Although retired from the City Council, Mr. Hill remains involved in various community activities. As a community volunteer for over 21 years, Mr. Hill has contributed significantly to the betterment, beautification, and protection of the community. We are proud to present Frank Hill with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Sharon Hladek – from the City of El Segundo – Recreation & Parks – Sharon Hladek is an active member of the El Segundo Senior Club and holds the position of Secretary. She is responsible for ordering and serving the entrée for the senior pot luck held every month, and she oversees the long standing “Saturday Night Dance” held at the Joslyn Senior Center every Saturday for the community seniors. She holds the position of Treasurer with El Segundo Women’s Club, where she assists with collecting donations. She is the Chairperson for the Annual Community Tea Party and small fundraisers for scholarships awarded to local high school students. Sharon is also a member of the Westchester Elks. She is known for her ability to inspire others to volunteer. The City of El Segundo is proud to announce its recipient of the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award, Sharon Hladek.



Duane R. Jordan – from the City of Long Beach – Long Beach Senior Center – Duane Jordan has been with the Long Beach Senior Center since February 2004. Duane has led our exercise classes for many years. Duane is a steady, reliable senior volunteer. He currently teaches Tai Chi and led many other fitness classes in the past. Each of these classes are valuable to our seniors, especially those with physical limitations. He is a very dependable instructor, who is committed to helping seniors gain better flexibility, mobility, and good health. Because of his volunteer service, the Senior Center can offer a wide range and variety of fitness experiences. We are grateful that Duane has chosen to volunteer at the Long Beach Senior Center. It is an honor to recognize Duane Jordan as a 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Honoree.



Evelyn Liang – from the City of Diamond Bar – Diamond Bar Evergreen Club – Evelyn Liang is a long-time dedicated and loyal volunteer at the Diamond Bar Evergreen Club. She contributes valuable time and effort towards helping seniors. Evelyn is constantly on the go. She is always behind the scenes aiding whomever and whenever. When she is not attending a Board Meeting, you will find her teaching one of her many exercise classes, lending a hand to a fellow instructor, or substituting in their classes. She puts forth her positive energy and patience with all students. She performs every action and step until the students are all in the correct formation. You will find Evelyn before and after each class setting up or taking down the exercise areas. She assists with special events and serves lunch to the seniors. Evelyn is a remarkable and generous woman. It is a great honor to recognize her as a 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Awardee.



Amalia Maldonado – from San Pedro Service Center – Amalia Maldonado has been providing volunteer food preparation and services at San Pedro Service Center for over nine years. She works as a server for the congregate senior meals program, makes coffee, sets up food pastry trays every morning, and ensures everyone is served. Whenever the center holds special events, Ms. Maldonado offers and commits to making sure the activity area is decorated. Ms. Maldonado has become an integral part of the service center family. She enjoys teaching other seniors how to enjoy themselves. When asked why do you volunteer, she replied, “I like to serve people. The people think I help them, but they help me. I like to help people.” We are grateful to have Ms. Maldonado as a part of our Older Worker’s Service Delivery Team. With her help, the center can run efficiently and continues to be fun for seniors. It is an honor to present Amalia Maldonado with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Frances Mulligan – from the City of Long Beach – El Dorado West Senior Center – Frances Mulligan has volunteered with the El Dorado Senior Center in multiple capacities for over twenty years. Frances greets every individual that enters the building with a warm smile and open arms. She listens to their stories, gives advice, and provides support in times of need. Roughly fifteen years ago, Frances was one of four people who founded the “Happy Hookers,” a knit and crochet group that meets regularly and continues to donate over 200 caps and scarves to the homeless annually. She is an influential member of the El Dorado Senior Advisory Committee and exemplifies what it means to give back to your community. The City of Long Beach is proud to recognize Frances Mulligan as a 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award Honoree.



Michael Noll – from the City of Signal Hills – Council Member Michael Noll is currently in his sixth term on the Signal Hills City Council and served as Mayor five times. Mike has served on the League of California Cities Revenue and Taxation Committee since 1998. He is a Board Member of the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility and is a member of the Long Beach Unified School District Measure K Oversight Committee. His leadership in the community has led to several accomplishments in business and housing development projects, design and improvements for park facilities, and beautification projects throughout his tenure. Mike also volunteered with other organizations, such as the Chair of the AIDS Walk and as Chair of the Center Long Beach. It is with great please that we honor Michael Noll with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Abel B. Olguin – from Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation – Amelia Mayberry Park – Abel Olguin dedicates his spare time and services as a volunteer at Mayberry Park Senior Center in Whittier. Mr. Olguin has a very important volunteer assignment at the senior center. Every morning he picks up donuts for the seniors. In addition, he continues to provide the senior center staff with any assistant they need. Mr. Olguin is an outstanding dedicated volunteer. Mr. Olguin enjoys the time he spends at the senior center playing a few games of pool with the men, enjoying a delicious hot lunch, and socializing with his friends. We appreciate all he does for Mayberry Park Senior Center and are honored to recognize Abel Olguin with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Leo Valdez Pagulayan – from the City of Long Beach – Houghton Park Senior Center – Leo Pagulayan has been a devoted volunteer at the Houghton Park Community Center in the City of Long Beach for six years. As a Veteran, Leo served our country and now we are blessed

to have him serving daily in our senior lunch program. His infectious smile and amazing artwork makes our center shine. His jokes can make you laugh and blush like no other. That's why we love Leo! We all want to say thank you to Leo for always working so hard to brighten up our days. Leo is truly a member of the Houghton Park family. We are proud to have Leo Pagulayan as our 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award Honoree.



Maria L. Quintero – from the City of Whittier – Adventure County Park – Maria is always a very happy person. She greets seniors daily. Maria helps with setting up the tables, cleaning the lunch area, and serving meals. She visits and shares with others. Maria Quintero loves coming in and being a part of the Adventure Park family. It is a great honor to recognize Maria Quintero with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Jose Ramirez – from the City of Paramount – Paramount Elderly Nutrition Program – Jose Ramirez started attending our Senior Nutrition Program in August 2012. It didn't take long for him to become one of our more active volunteers. As a volunteer, he has been a greeter, server, and party assistant. When asked why he enjoyed volunteering, Jose said, "I love to help others and give back when I can. If others need help with something, I am always willing to offer my services to them." He is very involved with our Senior Commission meetings, offering his praises for the social environment we offer. He encourages his friends and neighbors to come to visit our program because he feels it is the best around. To show his appreciation, he comes to the Paramount Senior Center to volunteer 2-3 days a week. We are honored to select Jose Ramirez as our honoree for the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Waleen Robinson – from the City of Long Beach – California Recreation Center – Waleen Robinson is known in our community as being one of the most loving, caring, and considerate people around. She is always willing to help others. Waleen enjoys traveling, attending church, playing bingo, and has a pair of gifted hands when doing Arts & Crafts. She has been a part of the California Recreation Center for over 15 years, where she has been a faithful volunteer and participant in all the senior programs. We are all blessed to have her as a part of our community and center, and we are proud to present Waleen Robinson with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Peggy Roman – from the City of La Mirada – La Mirada Activity Center – Peggy Roman has provided exceptional leadership and volunteerism to the La Mirada community for many years. She served as a volunteer usher for the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts since 1991. She also served as a member of the La Mirada Senior Council since 2000, serving as the Chairperson from 2013 to 2015. Over the past 17 years, Ms. Roman has been an outstanding representative for the La Mirada Landmark Adult Community on the La Mirada Senior Council. Peggy Roman is an asset to the community and is deserving of being honored as a 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day recipient.



Gloria Rosales – from the City of Long Beach – Parks Recreation & Marine – Chavez Park Senior Program – Gloria Rosales is a daily participant in the Chavez Park Senior Program. Occasionally, Mrs. Rosales cooks and brings food to share with all the participants. She cares for those who are sick and offers to help with chores around the house when they're incapable of doing so. She has a positive and humorous attitude and a friendly personality, which makes individuals feel welcomed. It is a great honor to recognize Gloria Rosales as our 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Awardee.



John Graham Roth – from the City of Long Beach – Long Beach Senior Center – John Roth has been a volunteer with the Long Beach Senior Center for over 14 years. On a regular basis, John helps by opening the building, opening each of the 30 rooms, and helping to set-up the cafeteria. During the day, he instructs other seniors in billiards, wood carving, and lapidary. He leads tours of the two-story building and welcomes each new visitor. At the end of the day, he helps to close everything down, locking all the doors, and waiting until the last person leaves. He is always cheerful and positive, and it is a joy to have him around. It is honor to present John Roth with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Mary L. Ruiz – from the City of Artesia – Human Services Association – Mary Ruiz from the Human Services Association – Artesia Senior Lunch Program is a dedicated volunteer. She always has a positive attitude and a beautiful smile. Mary is always ready to lend a helping hand. She is very accepting of everyone. She is active at the library and at the senior center. She helps to set-up tables, serves lunch to the seniors, and cleans up at the end of the lunch program. She does all of this, and she is legally blind. Mary is an asset to the community. Thank you, Mary, for bringing a smile to our day. Human Services Association and the City of Artesia are happy to have a dedicated and hard-working volunteer like Mary Ruiz. We are honored to recognize Mary Ruiz as a 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Awardee.



Tod Spence – from the of City Long Beach – Long Beach Senior Center – Tod Spence has volunteered for the Long Beach Senior Center for 14 years. During this time, he helped to organize the Association of American Retired Persons (AARP) Income Tax Assistance Program, which assisted over 800 individuals to file their taxes last year. He also wears many other hats. He participates in the Prime-Time Players Theatre Group, various clubs, and is

a member of the Long Beach Senior Center Fundraising committee. He encourages others to try various activities. He dedicates his time and effort so everyone knows how great the Long Beach Senior Center is. It is an honor to recognize Tod Spence with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Luella Steele – from the City of Norwalk – Luella Steele has dedicated numerous years of volunteer service to the Angel Tree Project and the Norwalk Senior Center. She currently volunteers at the front desk and is a tour escort for the senior center. She serves as a Commissioner for the Social Services Commission for the City of Norwalk. She is an integral part of supporting programs that benefit the Norwalk community at large. She shows genuine interest in the senior population and families throughout the community. She advocates for positive change in her capacity as commissioner and senior center volunteer. We are pleased to honor Luella Steele with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Kenneth William Thompson – from the City of Downey – Downey Senior Center - Kenneth Thompson was born on February 9, 1917. At the outbreak of World War II, Ken was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served as a Radar Technician. Ken has made his home in Downey for 67 years. He has been very active in the community schools and was awarded the Honorary Service Award. He has also been actively involved with the Evangelical Free Church in Fullerton and Trinity Baptist Church in Downey. Anyone who knows Ken, and that is quite a large group, says that his life is built on love, faith, family, friends, a good wit, laughter, service to others, hard work, and passion for his country. Ken Thompson is a true Patriot. It is a great honor to recognize Kenneth Thompson as our 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Awardee.



Victor Thompson – from the City of Lakewood – Weingart Senior Center – Victor Thompson is a dedicated community volunteer whose efforts are widespread throughout the City of Lakewood. For the past 12 years, Victor has volunteered with the Project Shepherd Holiday Assistance Program. Victor spends time at the warehouse sorting cans, packing food, and assisting in distribution. Victor is also active in the annual Lakewood Volunteer Cay citywide clean-up event. Victor gladly gives his time to volunteer every year at the Lakewood Education Foundation Golf Tournament passing out goodie bags and greeting golfers as they check-in. This fundraising event provides scholarships to Lakewood teachers. His volunteer endeavors reach the youth in our community as well. Victor is the founder of the National Pacific Islander Educator Network, a non-profit organization that helps Pacific Islander students pursue their educational goals through conferences, mentoring, and scholarships. For his care and concern for others, as well as his deep involvement with the community, we are proud to recognize Victor Thompson with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Dave Vanoski – from the City of Whittier – Dave Vanoski is very well respected by the participants and staff at the Whittier Senior Center. In 2012, Dave read in the Whittier Senior Moments, the monthly newsletter, about the monthly breakfast program, “Café Parnell.” Dave applied to volunteer and has been a vital part of this program. Dave assists by helping to plan the breakfast menu, shopping, and most importantly, preparing the meal. We have approximately 40 participants that attend the program monthly. Dave is an individual who does his work avoiding the limelight. He is very dedicated and supportive to the participants attending the center. The staff and volunteers at the Whittier Senior Center truly appreciate his dedication to our older adults and our center. We look forward to working with Dave for many more years. The City of Whittier Senior Center is proud to present Dave Vanoski as a 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Honoree.



Mildred Wallerstein – from the City of Signal Hill – Mildred Wallerstein has dedicated countless hours to the City of Signal Hill through her participation in the library and many community events, such as Spring Fest, Halloween Carnival, and Holiday Outreach. She is a huge supporter of the Community Services Department and is a vital part of our family. She spends time folding newsletters for the Active Adult Program and always participates in community meetings, workshops, and task groups. Mildred does all this while being a very short time away from her 100th birthday. In recognition of her dedication to volunteering for the City of Signal Hill, we are honored to present Mildred Wallerstein with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.

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Louise Cook – from the City of San Marino – San Marino Recreation Department – Louise Cook continually strives to contribute to the community in a meaningful way. Louise has been a Recreation Commissioner since 2013 using her business acumen and her keen understanding of the community to advise the department. She has a strong desire to serve San Marino seniors and does so creatively and positively. Most notable is her work with local representatives and experts to develop informational workshops important to seniors with topics ranging from Consumer Protection to Mindfulness. She has also volunteered at the Huntington Library, spearheaded a neighborhood watch program, and served on the committee for the San Marino public safety measure. It is a great honor to present Louise Cook with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Bob Danis – Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center – Bob Danis has imparted the joy of music for 13 years at the Santa Clarita Valley (SCV) Senior Center. Bob plays trumpet and is the Band Director of our renowned five-piece house band. The caliber of his talent was recognized during a 1957 performance at the home of Lauren Bacal where Frank Sinatra urged him to continue playing and “not put the horn away!” Every week, several hundred seniors gather anxiously to dance and enjoy his wonderful swing-era tunes. Bob is committed to making a difference through music and its therapeutic power. Bob and his wife, Jeanne, also initiated a Swing Jazz Club to offer the talent of live bands and raise funds for the SCV Senior Center. In addition to his extraordinary volunteerism, the SCV Senior Center is grateful for his service in the Air Force during the Korean War. After studying Chinese at Yale, Bob’s efforts and proficiency in the language directed and protected American pilots. We are proud to present Bob Danis with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Annamarie Dyemartin – from the City of Palmdale – Legacy Commons for Active Seniors – Annamarie Dyemartin loves to exercise, and she has been exercising since her early twenties. Exercise comes easy to her and seeing the benefits of exercising for her seniors gives her pleasure. Annamarie volunteers to teach the “Lean, Fit and Fun” class at Legacy Commons. Helping people, her community, and the local school district brings her joy. She has been the Secretary of the Littlerock Town Council, a neighboring town to Palmdale, for the past six years. She brings information to the seniors and brings back concerns from the community to the County. Annamarie is also part of the Illegal Dumping Task Force in the community. She participates in this task force to bring information to the community on free recycling events. Annamarie participates at a local school. Being around children makes her feel young. She is enjoying retirement more than she thought she could by VOLUNTEERING! We are proud to present Annamarie Dyemartin with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



John Eley – from the City of Pasadena – Villa Esperanza Services Adult Day Program – John Eley volunteers for Meals on Wheels delivering lunch in the Glendale area. He also volunteers for the Ronald McDonald House by doing clean-up work. John is an artist. He enjoys drawing beautiful abstract images. John Eley is an asset to our organization. He is liked by everyone because of his calm and friendly demeanor. John Eley is a very amicable individual who loves to volunteer in the community. It is a great pleasure to present John Eley with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Douglas Elson – from the City of Monrovia – Douglas Elson is a faithful steward of the Monrovia Canyon Park. You will see Doug volunteering his time in the park almost every day of the week. Years ago, Doug and several of his friends came together to form a Trail

Maintenance Patrol. They come together each week to do what the city does not have the manpower to do, such as fix trails, create and maintain trails, remove poison oak, and more. Doug always has a good attitude, cares for the people he meets, and protects the land. Monrovia is proud to recognize Doug for all his hard work and volunteer services in our community. It is an honor to recognize Douglas Elson with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Fred Feldheim – from the City of Covina – Fred Feldheim has been a dedicated volunteer for the City of Covina for over 20 years. His vast array of volunteerism includes Library Board of Trustees, The Friends of the Covina Public Library Board as an Executive Board Member, active volunteer with the Covina Police Department, Docent for the Historical School Tour Program conducted at City Hall and the Firehouse Museum, Christmas Parade Committee Member, and Covina Valley Historical Society Board Member. Fred has dedicated countless volunteer hours to the City of Covina and its citizens. We are so proud to be able to present Fred Feldheim with this well-deserved recognition of the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Jeanette Grant – from the City of Castaic – Val Verde Park – Jeanette Grant is the president of our Val Verde Senior Club, and she volunteers for Val Verde community food pantry. As President of the Val Verde Seniors Club, she takes pride and charge of the trips for the seniors. Every Friday, Jeanette has activities for the Seniors Club, such as arts and crafts, bingo, potlucks, guest speakers, field trips, barbeque picnics at the lake, and monthly birthday luncheons. Janette is the cornerstone of the community for the seniors group, and she always strives for excellence. She has made a difference in the lives of all the seniors that have crossed her path and they love her so much. We appreciate and thank her for all that she does, which does not go unnoticed. We are proud to recognize Jeanette Grant with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Shirley Harriman – County of Los Angeles Department of Parks & Recreation – Castaic Regional Sports Complex – Shirley Harriman has supported the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation in many ways, including but not limited to, donating pots, cutlery sets, a wireless headset, and all the lights for our Christmas Tree Lighting. She creates flyers for our programs and sends them to over 800 people. Shirley Harriman makes it a priority to write articles about the success of park programs and have them published in the Lake Los Angeles Newspaper. She provides support to park programs with enjoyment and provides funding for equipment and supplies that would not be available otherwise. We are honored to present Shirley Harriman with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Rosemarie King – from the City of Lancaster – Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services – Antelope Valley Senior Center – Rosemarie King has volunteered countless hours since the day she started in 2009. Ms. King was a member and an officer of the Antelope Valley Black Historical Society and the Senior Center Diversity Group and President of the Bingo Club. In addition, Rosemarie has served as an officer of the Bond of Unity. Bond of Unity is a multi-racial group that feeds the homeless at the Grace Resource Center, provides monthly senior social events at the senior center, and provides scholarships for local college students. In addition, she has been an avid volunteer for the senior nutrition program. Friendships and useful activities are the keys to vitality, Rosemarie says, “I have a lot of friends here at the Senior Center. Friendships help you live.” It is with great pleasure that we present Rosemarie King for the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Jean Lee – from the City of Glendale – City of Glendale Senior Nutritional Meals – Jean Lee is recognized as the volunteer of the year for the City of Glendale because of her exceptional character. Jean is a hard-working person. She is very pleasant and friendly. Jean tackles all tasks that she is asked to handle in a very pleasant manner. She is eager to help when needed without any hesitation. Last, but not least, Jean is a very compassionate person who has gone the extra mile to help those in need several times. It is a great honor to present Jean Lee with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Deborah Malouf – from the City of San Dimas – Deborah Malouf joined the San Dimas Senior Citizens Club after her retirement as a nurse in 2011. Since joining the club, Deborah has been the Bingo co-chair for the past five years. This non-profit program benefits a variety of charitable organizations throughout San Dimas. Deborah has been an escort for our Senior Excursions for over five years and has been a part of the Scholarship Committee for the past two years. Because of her nursing background, Deborah loves helping people and giving back to the community without expecting anything in return. Deborah was nominated by her peers for her hard work and dedication to the San Dimas Senior Citizen and Community Center and the citizens of San Dimas. It is with great pleasure that the City of San Dimas announces Deborah Malouf as the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Honoree.



Leon Mioni – from the City of La Verne – Leon Mioni has been a volunteer for the La Verne Community Center for over 14 years. He serves as a senior nutrition program volunteer during the week by serving meals, assisting participants to their seats, and serving coffee. Leon also known as “Leo” at the center, volunteers with special events, senior dinner dances, flu shot clinics, and most importantly, dances for people with special needs. He is our official greeter at the center and can be heard

throughout the building. We are honored and fortunate to have Leon Mioni as our outstanding 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Awardee.



Kirsten Nielsen – from the City of Duarte – Duarte Senior Center – Kirsten Nielsen took computer classes and started visiting the Duarte Senior Center after retirement. She discovered a second home in Duarte Senior Center that became a major part of her life. Since becoming a volunteer at the senior center, she used her vast experience and skills to take a leadership role with many of the computer based tasks at the Duarte Senior Center, including helping with online registration, programming for classes, and activity attendance reporting. Her desire to volunteer and help her community does not end at the senior center. In 2013, she joined the Parks and Recreation Commission representing the senior center, and in 2014, she joined the Youth and Family Committee. In both capacities, she advocated for senior citizens and the general community. The City of Duarte is very grateful for her continuing commitment and dedication to the community that Kirsten consistently demonstrates. Duarte Senior Center Volunteer Kirsten Nielsen is recognized for her hard work and dedication to the city that she has happily lived for the last 24 years. We are pleased to honor Kirsten Nielsen with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Sue Notheis – from the City of San Gabriel – Sue Notheis was recently honored by the San Gabriel City Council for volunteering more than 100 hours helping organize the Mission Playhouse Wardrobe Room. She helped sort fabrics, test sewing machines, organized more than 300 pairs of shoes to give to charity and assisted in sewing the Tyvek covers to preserve historic costumes. Sue currently assists with the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse’s “Silent Sundays” and is looking forward to organizing and leading docent tours of the Playhouse. Sue also volunteers at the San Gabriel Historical Museum and loves to lead tours of the historic sites on the Palos

Verdes Peninsula. Sue’s friends would say that she can see what needs to be done and is always willing to help. She has a tremendous sense of humor and a positive attitude, where “fabulous” is a staple in her vocabulary. Her joyful attitude spreads to all who are around her. It is a great honor to recognize Sue Notheis with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Joyce Platt – from the City of Arcadia – Joyce Platt has been a long-time teacher and volunteer in the Arcadia community. Joyce has volunteered and served on various committees and boards of many Arcadia based organizations, such as the Arcadia Travelers, City of Arcadia Senior Commission, Arcadia Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage, Museum Education Center, Assistance League, Performing Arts Center, Bargin Box, Arcadia Women’s Club, Arcadia Police Department neighborhood watch, and has also volunteered for the Breeders Cup at the Santa Anita Race Track. The City of Arcadia is proud of Joyce Platt for her time, dedication, and contributions to the community. It is our pleasure to recognize Joyce Platt with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Hayatt R. Randis – from the City of Alhambra – Alhambra Joslyn Adult Center – Hayatt Randis has been a volunteer at the Joslyn Adult Center for over six years. She worked for the Los Angeles Times for 42 years, and after retiring, she felt the need to be of service to the community. Hayatt is very hard working and her energetic and positive nature are an example for all of us. This is evident with her daily assistance with the Intervale Lunch Program and driving other seniors home or to doctor’s appointments. Hayatt is a caregiver and is the helping hand and voice for many of our seniors here at the Joslyn Center. In Hayatt’s words, “I enjoy taking care of other people. Someday I will need help, and I hope there will be someone to help me.” The City of Alhambra is proud to acknowledge the dedication of Hayatt Randis with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Helen Redmond – from the City of Temple City – Temple City Senior Services – Helen Redmond has served as a nurse at Longden Elementary School since 2004, and she is well respected by students and staff. As an advocate for healthily living, she has taught GROW Los Angeles Victory Gardening classes, organized the Temple City Health Fair, and began a Produce Exchange Program. Each December, Helen thrills hundreds of children as “Mrs. Claus.” She received an Honorary Service Award from the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) this year. Helen Redmond, a 33-year resident of Temple City is recognized for her commitment, compassion, and the innovative opportunities she has brought to the community. It is an honor to present Helen Redmond with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Areknaz Shahmouradian – from the City of Glendale – Armenian American Council on Aging – Areknaz Shahmouradian is a caring and loving committed member of our community. She takes care and helps our old and disabled members with their daily chores. Once a month, she helps to provide hot and traditional food to our committee members. She teaches the new members the rules and regulations of our country, including the rules of the Department of Motor Vehicles. She is a good bookkeeper and takes care of our book store. It is a great pleasure to recognize Areknaz Shahmouradian as our 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Honoree.



Helen Storland – from the City of Glendora – Community Services Department – Helen Storland has been volunteering in the Glendora community for over 25 years. As a retired teacher, she has a passion for literacy and developed the Glendora Read-In program. She is also an active member of the Glendora Women’s Club and serves on the Glendora Library Friends Foundation Board. Helen is a tutor in the Barton

Reading program and a vocal supporter for the La Fetra Center for Seniors. It is a great pleasure to recognize Helen Storland with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Ann Teal – from the City of Pasadena – Jackie Robinson Community Center – Ann Teal is an exceptional volunteer at Jackie Robinson Community Center (JRCC) in the City of Pasadena. After retiring from the city several years ago, she returned to JRCC to volunteer. Ann works with our most vulnerable clients that have substantial subsistence needs. She is always willing to serve quietly without fanfare. It is a pleasure and honor to recognize Ann Teal with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Jay Whitcraft – from the City of Sierra Madre – Senior Community Commission – Jay Whitcraft, a resident of Sierra Madre for 40 years, has been an avid supporter of our Sierra Madre Library. Jay has been selling books for the Friends of the Library every other month for over 15 years. He has worked in the rose garden of the Arboretum in Arcadia as a volunteer for over 20 years. His interest in our Sierra Madre history has led him to become a Docent in the Historical Museum for the past 20 years. He gives tours to school classes and others interested in the history of Sierra Madre. A video of his guided tour video of Lizzy’s Trail Inn is available on the Internet. Jay is always ready to help our city. It is an honor to present Jay Whitcraft with the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Lynn White-Shelby – from the City of Burbank – Joslyn Adult Center – Lynn White-Shelby has given many volunteer hours serving women, children, and the communities of Glendale and Burbank. Lynn is a visible lady in the community demonstrating her devotion to volunteerism. Her many accomplishments include the Boys & Girls Club of Burbank, La Providencia Guild of Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, Providence Health

Systems, Live Well programs, and Mental Health and Homeless Committees, Scout Leader, National Charity League, Salvation Army, Senior Board Chair, and recipient of the Congressman Schiff “Women of the Year” Award. Lynn White-Shelby is recognized by the City of Burbank for the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.



Jean Yamashiro – from the City of Monrovia – Santa Anita Family Service Senior Center - Sister Jean is a Maryknoll Nun whose retirement convent is in the City of Monrovia. Sister Jean has been volunteering at our center for several years, calling homebound seniors that for different reasons do not have anyone to listen or call them. Seniors are expecting her phone call every Thursday for all the support that she provides. Considering her age and health condition, she makes the extra effort to take public transportation and many times in the rain. It is a great honor to recognize Jean Yamashiro for the 2017 Older Americans Recognition Day Award.

We offer our gratitude to the following individuals who so generously contributed their time and talent to making this event a success!

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